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Colonel A. J. Goodpaster  
Staff Secretary  
The White House

Dear Andy:

Attached hereto is a letter which I sent to Senator Symington concerning the handling of the testimony which I and other members of the Intelligence community had given before the Air Force Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Senator Symington called me immediately upon receipt of this letter and told me that he understood the position I had taken, and that he would recommend to the subcommittee that my request be honored. I note that shortly afterwards the Senator, according to the A.P., informed the press "that closed-door testimony by Intelligence Chief Allen Dulles on Russian Air and Military power is being withheld from publication".

I am very pleased with the results of this episode, because I feel that we have held successfully to the important principle that no testimony by intelligence officers should be subject to attributed release by any Congressional committee. I believe the President would be interested in this and naturally I will continue to follow up with Senator Symington.

Sincerely yours,

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I am very pleased with the results of this episode, because I feel that we have held successfully to the important principle that no testimony by intelligence officers should be subject to attributed release by any Congressional committee. Many thanks to you and to Jerry Morgan for your informal advice and counsel on this problem.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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*Accord, L. H. A.P.*